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Asilomar Conference Grounds Concession Opportunity Public Meeting

California State Parks is seeking public input regarding future plans for the concession contract for the Asilomar Conference Grounds located in Pacific Grove, California. This meeting is open to the public and will be held on January 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kiln Room at Asilomar Conference Grounds, 800 Asilomar Boulevard, Pacific Grove, CA.

This meeting is to solicit public input and ideas to help determine the future development and operation of the concession. The information gathered may be used in the preparation of a Request for Proposals or other process to obtain future contracts. The current ten year concession contract will expire in May 2007.

The Asilomar Conference Grounds is managed by a hospitality concessionaire that oversees 312 guest rooms located in 30 buildings in a campus layout; a dining hall offering three meals a day in a fixed menu format; a small gift shop; and a complex of meeting and conference rooms.

Under this contract, the concessionaire is required to pay the State an annual rental rate as well as a variety of program support and facility maintenance fees. Gross revenue in FY 04/05 was nearly \$19 million and rental payments to the State totaled \$1.6 million plus program and maintenance fees.

The Asilomar Conference Grounds began in 1913 as a camp and conference site for the YWCA. Many of its historic Arts and Crafts-style buildings were designed by renowned California architect Julia Morgan and are registered as National Historic Landmarks. The facility has been owned and operated by the State of California since 1956 and is available to park visitors for conferences and/or overnight stay.

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California State Parks welcomes all visitors. If members of your group have special needs, please contact us in advance to arrange accommodations.



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